

FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES –18 OCTOBER 2011

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL AUSTRALIA, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Q No.	Program: Division or Agency	Senator	Broad Topic	Question	Proof Hansard Page & Hearing Date or Written Q	Date Rec'd	Date Tabled
1	1.1	JOYCE	RDAF – recommended projects for Round 1	<p>Senator JOYCE: Can you provide us with the final list of projects which were recommended to the minister by the independent advisory panel?</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: I can provide that, though I do not have that here in front of me. We are in the process of providing feedback to unsuccessful applicants and the like. As soon as we have finished that process we may be in a position to provide that.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: So you will take it on notice and provide us with the list?</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: I can take that on notice.</p>	F&PA 97	30/11/2011	
2	1.1	JOYCE	RDAF – Allocation of funding from Round 1	<p>Senator JOYCE: How much money did you actually give west of the Great Dividing Range in Queensland?</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: West of the Great Dividing Range—</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: In Queensland.</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: in Queensland? I will have to take that on notice, sorry.</p>	F&PA 104	30/11/2011	
3	1.1	JOYCE	RDAF – QLD funding from Round 1	<p>Senator JOYCE: What about, let us say, west of Ipswich?</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: I will take that on notice.</p>	F&PA 104	30/11/2011	
4	1.1	JOYCE	Funded Projects in Round 1 - RDAF	<p>Senator JOYCE: If I can get tabled—three would be a good example so we can understand how it works—why the Geelong Football Club got \$10 million, yet the refurbishment to remove asbestos from a childcare facility at Bendigo got nothing; why an art gallery in Newcastle got \$7 million to assist in a \$21 million art gallery, yet the stock transit centre to assist the humane treatment of animals in Broken Hill got nothing; why Freeman House in Armidale got \$8 million, yet the upgrade of the Lynne Highway to try to save people's lives got nothing. Could just work out what the special aspects and characteristics were that required those projects not only to get funded but to get funded in the quantum they got funded—which seems to be quite an incredible amount of money—when, if they had got half as much and we had spread the money around, we could have had a much better and fairer approach to what is genuinely regional Australia.</p>	F&PA 106	30/11/2011	

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5	1.1	JOYCE	RDAF Round 1 JP-signed declarations	Senator JOYCE: How many JP signed declarations are you aware of, in resubmitting information? Mr O'Brien: Can I take that on notice?	F&PA 107	30/11/2011	
6	1.1	MOORE	RDAF Round 1 – Individual consultations	Senator MOORE: Of the 253 that you are working through in individual consultation, if there are any that could be confused with a lost document claim, could we get that information at the next estimates on notice? Ms Fleming: Yes, I will take that on notice.	F&PA 109	30/11/2011	
7	1.1	MACDONALD	RDAF Round 1– Mackay and Whitsundays	Senator IAN MACDONALD: Could you tell me, perhaps on notice, if the Mackay Gymnastics club and the Whitsunday Moto Sports Club were advised of why they were knocked back? Ms Fleming: They would have received a letter, but we will take that on notice.	F&PA 111	30/11/2011	
8	1.1	MACDONALD	QLD RDA Committees	Senator IAN MACDONALD: It is an advertisement in the <i>Courier Mail</i> on 31 August 2011, headed 'Regional Development Australia', and says that the Australian government and the Queensland government are 'seeking volunteers with vision, drive and community experience who are able to represent the broad interests of their region, understand local challenges and achieve results,' and so on. It is an ad put in by you so I assume you know what it is. Mr Carmichael: Yes, that is an advertisement for expressions of interest for RDA committees in Queensland. Advertising dates in Queensland were the 31 August to 7 September.... Senator IAN MACDONALD: Were they from a broad cross-section of the community? Mr Carmichael: Do you want me to tell you by RDA?	F&PA 111	30/11/2011	
9	1.1	MACDONALD	QLD RDA Committee Vacancies	Mr Carmichael: That is set by the number of people on those RDAs, but there are 73 vacancies, or expiring terms, coming up, so there will be 73 appointments made from those 150 expressions of interest. Senator IAN MACDONALD: On notice, can you give me where the vacancies are and, in that way, indicate to me the number of people who will be appointed in these areas? Is it possible to do that?	F&PA 111	30/11/2011	
10	1.1	MACDONALD	Northern Aus Ministerial Forum Communiqué	Senator IAN MACDONALD: Were some minutes kept or was there a communiqué at the end of it that could be made available to the committee? Ms Fleming: Yes, there is. Senator IAN MACDONALD: There was a communiqué, a statement or minutes? Mr O'Brien: It was a media statement. Senator IAN MACDONALD: Could we have a look at that, please?	F&PA 112	30/11/2011	

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11	1.1	MACDONALD	Northern Australia Indigenous Sustainable Development Forum	<p>Ms Fleming: It was a discussion between the four jurisdictions—Queensland, the Northern Territory, Western Australia and the Commonwealth. Ministers discussed the chair and deputy chair.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: So they were selected by the ministers attending the forum.</p> <p>Ms Fleming: Correct.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Were applications called for? Do we know if others were considered?</p> <p>Ms Fleming: There were discussions at the standing committee and then ministers made a decision collectively.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Do you know if ministers were offered a list to choose from, or were there just two recommendations given by the standing committee?</p> <p>Ms Fleming: Can I take that on notice?</p>	F&PA 113	30/11/2011	
12	1.1	MACDONALD	Input from RDAs	<p>Ms Fleming: The first phase of that project was a consultancy whereby we spoke to all of the nine northern RDAs and asked each of them where they thought there was a need for more data across the north. We are considering the resources we have available to look at where we would now best apply our efforts to enhance the statistical coverage across Northern Australia. Phase 2 is still in development; in phase 1 we have an input from RDAs, in short.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Is the input from the RDAs a public document that can be made available to this committee?</p> <p>Mr O'Brien: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Fleming: We could take that on notice and I think it should be able to be made available.</p>	F&PA 114	30/11/2011	
13	1.1	MACDONALD	Research Activities of CRC	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Because time is short, could you on notice to tell me what research activities the CRC are funding or supporting that relate to Northern Australia?</p> <p>Ms Fleming: Certainly.</p>	F&PA 114	30/11/2011	

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14	1.1	MACDONALD	Green Hills Dam on Gilbert River	<p>Ms Fleming: The Office of Northern Australia participates in the Queensland government initiative, which is a working group on the Gilbert River. We are aware of developments and participate in that working group, but it is not a project of the Northern Australia Sustainable Futures package.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: What is it a project of?</p> <p>Ms Fleming: The Queensland government is just looking at the Gilbert River.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: What is the Commonwealth's involvement?</p> <p>Ms Fleming: We participate in that working group so we are kept abreast of issues that the Queensland government is looking at.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Can you tell me on notice what it is looking at? I understand the premier was up there the other day wanting an urgent brief.</p> <p>Ms Fleming: Certainly, Senator.</p>	F&PA 115	30/11/2011	
15	1.1	McKENZIE	RDAF Rd1 – Gippsland	<p>Senator McKENZIE: I have four questions relating to a specific program or application. They relate to the funding sought under the Regional Development of Australia Fund to facilitate the growth of the Latrobe regional airport in Gippsland Victoria as an aerospace industry centre and to expand regional employment opportunities. The application was rejected due to a failure to provide certain documentation. The project was going to give an additional 150 direct jobs to our community, already stressed in the coal industry. Can the department advise of the details around the decision to reject the application?</p> <p>Mr O'Brien: I can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: Thank you.</p> <p>Mr O'Brien: It was deemed ineligible?</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: Senator, you actually mentioned the failure to provide documentation. That in itself would be a reason why it was ineligible to be considered.</p>	F&PA 123	30/11/2011	

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16	1.1	JOYCE	Clunes Museum Funding Agreement	<p>Ms Fleming: We contacted each of the successful applicants and we are seeking further information to execute a funding agreement, and we are currently negotiating with the 35. We draft up a funding agreement, they consider that and, once they have signed it, we then sign it. The template of the funding agreement is on the website.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: In that case, how far have you got with the funding agreement with the Clunes Museum for \$2.6 million?</p> <p>Ms Fleming: We would have made initial contact advising them that they have been successful. I would have to provide on notice what level of information we have received to date from that particular council.</p>	F&PA 129	30/11/2011	
17	1.1	MACDONALD	Appointment of Mr Zahra to Independent Advisory Panel	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Okay. Time is short, so nothing is on the table. Could we go back to Mr Zahra and his qualifications?</p> <p>Mr O'Brien: He was obviously a federal member of parliament in Latrobe Valley. Prior to that he was chief executive officer of the Aboriginal Health and Housing Service in Gippsland. He has worked as a director for the Victorian Energy Networks Corporation and chair of the Victorian Sustainable Timber Industry Council.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: That is his CV. Can someone tell me what skill—</p> <p>Senator Sherry: It was a ministerial appointment—</p> <p>Mr O'Brien: It was certainly a ministerial appointment—</p> <p>Senator Sherry: So I can refer it on to the minister and take it on notice, but a number of the attributes in the CV obviously relate to regional matters. Beyond that I will have to take it on notice.</p>	F&PA 131	30/11/2011	

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18	1.1	MACDONALD	Northern Australia Beef Industry Roundtable	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: I agree with you, Minister. I am not making that point. I am simply asking: what are his qualifications for this job? I could think of some things he might be good at. I struggle to see what his relevance to regional Australia is. But you will put that to the minister. Thank you.</p> <p>Could I go back to Northern Australia—I am sorry I am all over the shop here—to try to get this in in the next five minutes. I was told in answer to a question that the first industry roundtable—it was chaired by David Crombie, it was convened on Monday 27 June, including representatives of AgForce, the transport sector and so it goes on. I think it is the industry roundtable on the northern Australian beef strategy. I wonder if there are any minutes from that meeting or any communiqué or anything that you can tell me was achieved? Was there a work plan set out for the working group?</p> <p>Ms Fleming: There was not a communiqué from that group, but David Crombie provided the Northern Australia Ministerial Forum with a verbal report back at their meeting in Port Hedland, and we continue to progress the issues that were raised at that forum through the long-term beef strategy and the work that we are doing with the states and territories. We would be happy to take you through that or provide further information on notice.</p>	F&PA131	30/11/2011	
19	1.1	MACDONALD	Northern Australia Beef Industry Strategy	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: In my rush at the end of my last go at this, I asked you to put on notice questions about the northern Australian beef industry strategy. I am really interested to see where the strategy for the Northern Australian beef industry is now at, following the live cattle ban, which set it back quite considerably if it did not destroy it. It is not destroyed but it has certainly been set back some time. Can you mention that in your written response?</p>	F&PA131	30/11/2011	
20	1.1	MACDONALD	Cairns Plan	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Okay. It was due for release in January. When do we expect the Cairns Plan to be released?</p>	F&PA132	30/11/2011	
21	1.1	BROWN	RDA Involvement in Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Is Regional Development Australia (RDA) involved in any way with the \$20 million initial payment for regional development, as outlined in clause 41 of the Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement, and the further \$100 million to be paid over 15 years? 	Written	30/11/2011	
22	1.1	BROWN	Advertisements calling for submissions for funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – If RDA is involved, have any advertisements been published calling for submissions for funding? – Have any notices been published to alert the public that the RDA is considering projects as part of the agreement funding? 	Written	30/11/2011	

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23	1.1	BROWN	RDA involvement in the disbursement of the agreement money	– If there are plans for RDA to be involved in the disbursement of the agreement money will it be operating under the criteria of the Regional Development Australia Fund or will new criteria be issued?	Written	30/11/2011	
24	1.1	BROWN	New criteria consultation on content	– If new criteria are to be issued when will this occur, who will be consulted on its content and what will it prioritise?	Written	30/11/2011	
25	1.1	BROWN	Preference for plantation forestry and value-adding of plantation forestry projects	– If there are plans for RDA to be involved in the disbursement of the agreement money will plantation forestry and value-adding of plantation forestry projects receive preference?	Written	30/11/2011	
26	1.1	BROWN	Disbursement of Agreement Money	– If there are plans for RDA to be involved in the disbursement of agreement money will those eligible for grants be widened beyond local councils and not-for-profits? – If so, what entities will be permitted to apply for funding?	Written	30/11/2011	
27	1.1	BROWN	Ministerial Council involvement with disbursement of agreement money	– If there are plans for RDA to be involved in the disbursement of agreement money how will it operate with the joint Ministerial Council chaired by Bill Kelty? – Will its regional reference and state-wide reference board operate as normal or will there be adjustments to account for the Ministerial Council's involvement? – Which organisation will be the ultimate decision-making body?	Written	30/11/2011	
28	1.1	BROWN	AusIndustry's Tasmanian Innovation and Investment Fund	– If there are plans for RDA to be involved in the disbursement of the agreement money, will it be the full \$20 million as promised in the agreement or has \$8 million of that \$20 million already been allocated to AusIndustry's Tasmanian Innovation and Investment Fund?	Written	30/11/2011	
29	1.1	JOYCE	RDAF Projects from Local Governments	– How many of the projects recommended to the Minister were from Local Governments as opposed to not-for-profit organisations?	Written	30/11/2011	
30	1.1	JOYCE	RDAF Applications by State and Territory	– How many applications from each State and Territory were included in the recommended list to the Minister?	Written	30/11/2011	
31	1.1	JOYCE	Applications from Western Queensland	– How many of the original applications received were from Western Queensland?	Written	30/11/2011	
32	1.1	JOYCE	RDAF Shortlisted Applications	– Were any of the applications received from Western Queensland included in the shortlist provided to the Minister by the Independent Advisory Panel? – If so, which ones?	Written	30/11/2011	

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33	1.1	JOYCE	Applications from the ACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Did the Department receive any applications under Round One from the ACT? - Were any of these projects included in the shortlist provided to the Minister from the Independent Advisory Panel? 	Written	30/11/2011	
34	1.1	JOYCE	RDA Involvement in RDAF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What role do the 55 RDA committees have in advising communities of funding? - Is detailed information of the funding distributed by the RDA committees? - If so, how do they get potential applicants' contact details? - Do they have a database or do Local Governments and not-for-profit organisations have to register to receive information and updates? - If so, how do they do this? 	Written	30/11/2011	
35	1.1	JOYCE	Timeline to Start Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are there defined timelines as to when the successful projects must be started and completed? - If yes, what are these timelines? - Are they the same across the board, or will they be individually assessed? - If no, why not? 	Written	30/11/2011	
36	1.1	JOYCE	Myregion Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How much has the department spent on the myregion.gov.au website? - How much do you expect to spend to the end of the financial year? 	Written	30/11/2011	
37	1.1	JOYCE	Myregion Website and Agreement with the Independents	<p>In the Agreement with the Independents, it states that the <i>myregion website will make it easy for people to see the results of improved budget reporting for their region.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When is this aspect of the website going to be launched? 	Written	30/11/2011	
38	1.1	JOYCE	RDA Committee Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many members does each committee have on average? 	Written	30/11/2011	
39	1.1	JOYCE	RDA Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have all positions been allocated within the 55 RDA Committees? - Are there any vacancies? If so, with which RDA committees? 	Written	30/11/2011	
40	1.1	JOYCE	RDA Selection Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the selection process for recruiting members of an RDA committee? - Is there any other process besides the Expression of Interest submission process for casual vacancies? - What are the prerequisites for membership? 	Written	30/11/2011	

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41	1.1	JOYCE	RDA Selection Panels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who is on the selection panel for recruiting new committee members? - Does it consist of existing committee members, or the government? - Are members of the selection panel paid for their duties? - If so, how much? 	Written	30/11/2011	
42	1.1	JOYCE	Advertising Vacancies - RDAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are vacant committee positions advertised? - If yes, where are they advertised? 	Written	30/11/2011	
43	1.1	JOYCE	Payment to RDA Committee Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are any members of the RDA committees paid? - Or are they all voluntary positions? - If yes, who is paid and how much do they receive? 	Written	30/11/2011	
44	1.1	JOYCE	RDA Terms of Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the term of service for an RDA committee member? - Can existing members reapply once their term has expired? 	Written	30/11/2011	
45	1.1	JOYCE	RDA Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How much funding does each RDA committee receive on an annual basis? - Who administers this funding? - What is the funding used for? - Who administers dispersing these funds? 	Written	30/11/2011	
46	1.1	JOYCE	RDA Committee Plans	<p>In reference to the Department's 2010-11 Annual Report, page 34. The RDA committees submitted regional plans to the Department during 2010-11. The Department indicates that these were only 'substantially achieved'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have all these regional plans from the 55 RDA committees been completed? - How many have not been completed? - What is the Department's general view as to the quality of the plans? 	Written	30/11/2011	
47	1.1	JOYCE	RDA Committee Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Where do the committees meet, and how often do they meet? - Are minutes kept, and are the minutes available on their websites? 	Written	30/11/2011	

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48	1.1	JOYCE	Promoting Regional Living Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can you provide an update on when the guidelines will be released for the \$11.5 million for Promoting Regional Living? 	Written	30/11/2011	
49	1.1	JOYCE	Promoting Regional Living Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What organisations will be eligible? - How will they apply for this funding? - When will they be able to apply? 	Written	30/11/2011	
50	1.1	JOYCE	Promoting Regional Living – Evocities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will any of this funding go towards Evocities? - If yes, has it been dispersed? - Is it ongoing or a one off? 	Written	30/11/2011	
51	1.1	JOYCE	Promoting Regional Living Expenditure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How much has spent so far under this program? - How much will be spent by the end of this financial year? 	Written	30/11/2011	
52	1.1	JOYCE	Regional Development Policy Centre Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can you please provide an update as to the progress of the Regional Development Policy Centre? - When will it be operational? 	Written	30/11/2011	
53	1.1	JOYCE	Regional Development Policy Centre – Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is outlined in the Department’s Annual Report that the Department performed a range of preparatory work to support the establishment of the Policy Centre? - If so, could you provide an overview of this work? 	Written	30/11/2011	
54	1.1	JOYCE	Location of the Policy Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do you know where the policy centre will be located yet? - If not, when are we likely to know? - Is there a shortlist? - If so, are any universities on the list? 	Written	30/11/2011	

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55	1.1	JOYCE	Consultations on the Location of the Policy Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who has been consulted about the location of the Centre? - Is there a chance that the Policy Centre might be located somewhere other than Canberra? 	Written	30/11/2011	
56	1.1	JOYCE	Staffing of the Policy Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What will be the staffing arrangements of the centre? - What levels will these staff be? 	Written	30/11/2011	
57	1.1	JOYCE	Ongoing Funding of the Policy Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is funding for the policy centre ongoing, or is the \$8 million allocated in 2011-12, a one-off? - Will the centre be completely self-funding? - If self-funding, can you give a guarantee that the centre will be independent and will it provide independent advice to government? 	Written	30/11/2011	
58	1.1	JOYCE	Rebuilding Contracts – Reconstruction Inspectorate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many rebuilding contracts has the inspectorate assessed to date? - What were those contracts? 	Written	30/11/2011	
59	1.1	JOYCE	Project Milestones – Reconstruction Inspectorate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has the Inspectorate assessed whether any projects are meeting milestones? - Are there any projects behind time on meeting milestones? 	Written	30/11/2011	
60	1.1	JOYCE	Review of Projects - Reconstruction Inspectorate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have any projects been formally reviewed or received by the Reconstruction Inspectorate to date? - If so, what projects are they? 	Written	30/11/2011	
61	1.1	JOYCE	Reconstruction Inspectorate Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How much have you spent on the Inspectorate's activities so far? - How much do you expect it to cost? 	Written	30/11/2011	
62	1.1	JOYCE	Complaints Handling Mechanism – Reconstruction Inspectorate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has the Inspectorate received any complaints under its Complaints Handling Mechanism? 	Written	30/11/2011	

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63	1.1	JOYCE	External Consultants – Reconstruction Inspectorate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Has the inspectorate engaged any external consultants to provide advice? – If so, who are they and how much have the contracts been worth? 	Written	30/11/2011	
64	1.1	JOYCE	Reconstruction Inspectorate Salaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How much are each of the members of the Inspectorate being paid? 	Written	30/11/2011	
65	1.1	JOYCE	Reconstruction Inspectorate – Travel Allowance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Can you table the paper outlining travel allowance mentioned in the minutes of the meeting of 20 June 2011? 	Written	30/11/2011	
66	1.1	JOYCE	Reconstruction Inspectorate – Victorian Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Will the Reconstruction Inspectorate review any projects in Victoria? – Will you review projects below \$5 million? 	Written	30/11/2011	
67	1.1	JOYCE	Reconstruction Inspectorate – Complaints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Has the Inspectorate investigated any complaints or issues raised by the public? – If so, what were they? 	Written	30/11/2011	
68	1.1	JOYCE	Reconstruction Inspectorate – High value projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What high-value projects is the Inspectorate evaluating? 	Written	30/11/2011	
69	1.1	JOYCE	Meetings with the Inspectorate and Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How many times have members of the Inspectorate formally met with the Secretariat? 	Written	30/11/2011	
70	1.1	JOYCE	Reconstruction Inspectorate Visits to Western Queensland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Has the Inspectorate visited any parts of Western Queensland e.g. Dalby, Condamine? – Can you provide an overview of these visits? 	Written	30/11/2011	
71	1.1	JOYCE	Departmental Staff working for Reconstruction Inspectorate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How many staff in the department are working for the Secretariat? – What are their classifications? 	Written	30/11/2011	
72	1.1	JOYCE	Climate Change Forums – Minister's Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How many climate change forums has the Minister attended throughout Australia? – Where were these forums held and on what dates? 	Written	30/11/2011	

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73	1.1	JOYCE	Climate Change Forums – Attendance from the Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Who organised these forums, and who from the Minister's office and the Department attended these forums? – Who funded these forums, and the travel expenses associated with the Minister and staff attending these forums? 	Written	30/11/2011	
74	1.1	JOYCE	Climate Change – Staffing Numbers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How many people within the Department of Regional Australia are working on climate change issues? 	Written	30/11/2011	
75	1.1	JOYCE	Community Infrastructure Grants – Mid North Coast Aviation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Has the mid North Coast aviation plan been approved under the value for money guidelines of the Community Infrastructure Grants program? 	Written	30/11/2011	
76	1.1	JOYCE	Community Infrastructure Grants – Value for Money	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Have any of the projects funded through the Community Infrastructure Grants program been found not to represent value for money? – If so, which projects? 	Written	30/11/2011	
77	1.1	JOYCE	Community Infrastructure Grants – Approved Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Have all projects been approved to say that they do represent value for money? – If not, how many projects have not been approved and which projects are these? 	Written	30/11/2011	
78	1.1	JOYCE	Regional & Rural Research Development Grant Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – When will the 2011-12 Regional and Rural Research and Development Grants Guidelines be available? 	Written	30/11/2011	
79	1.1	JOYCE	Regional & Rural Research Development Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – When will the 2011-12 funding round be made available? 	Written	30/11/2011	
80	1.1	JOYCE	Building Better Regional Cities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Does the Department consult or have anything to do with the Building Better Regional Cities program? – If yes, in what way? 	Written	30/11/2011	

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81	1.1	JOYCE	Murray-Darling Basin Social and Economic Research	In reference to QoN88 from Budget Estimates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can the Department provide details as to the Murray Darling Basin social and economic research undertaken by GP Consulting International? - What did the research find? - Can we have a copy of the findings? - What are the findings being used for? 	Written	30/11/2011	
82	1.1	MCKENZIE	RDAF – Proportion of Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What proportion of applications Australia-wide were received from organisations other than local governments? - Was this different for Victoria? - And regional areas? 	Written	30/11/2011	
83	1.1	MCKENZIE	Successful RDAF Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What proportion of applications in Q82 were successful? - Can you comment generally on why this proportion was so low? - Was this different for Victoria? - And regional areas? 	Written	30/11/2011	
84	1.1	MCKENZIE	Advice on Ineligible RDAF Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Given so many applications were almost immediately ruled ineligible, why did it take so long for those applicants to be advised of their outcome? 	Written	30/11/2011	
85	1.1	MCKENZIE	Assessment of successful RDAF applications	A group of community organisations in Maldon partnered to form an umbrella group to apply for a RDA grant for their town. They were informally advised by the RDA committee that this approach could be developed as a best practice model in keeping with the Minister's commitment to community connectedness, but were unsuccessful in their application. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can you comment generally on the assessment of favourable applicant structures? - Was one type of structure more successful than others Australia-wide? - Was this the same for Victoria? - And regional areas? 	Written	30/11/2011	

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86	1.1	MCKENZIE	Assessment Criteria Weighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What was the assessment criteria that weighted certain types of projects, for example, sport, tourism, arts infrastructure? <p>There seemed to be few infrastructure projects approved, despite this type of funding being most badly needed in many communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why was this? 	Written	30/11/2011	
87	1.1	MCKENZIE	ALP Members Determination in Funding	<p>Steve Gibbons MP, Member for Bendigo, credited the securing of funding for the Sandhurst Community Theatre Complex in part to 'Fabian Reid from my office, who... put an enormous amount of work into securing Federal funding for this project' (Minister confirms Art Centre funding, Steve Gibbons press release 7 September 2011).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What role did the offices of ALP members play in determining the allocation of funding? 	Written	30/11/2011	
88	1.1	MCKENZIE	Bendigo's Sandhurst Community Theatre Complex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What role did Fabian Reid play in securing funding for Bendigo's Sandhurst Community Theatre Complex? 	Written	30/11/2011	
89	1.1	MCKENZIE	Loddon Mallee RDA Committee	<p>The Loddon Mallee RDA Committee has, according to its publicity material, funded a number of projects throughout the region, outside of the RDAF process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How were these projects chosen for funding? - Was the process competitive? - Why were these projects chosen for funding? - How can proponents suggest additional projects for funding and how much funding is available? 	Written	30/11/2011	

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90	1.1	MCKENZIE	Loddon Mallee RDA Committee Review of RDAF Applications	The Loddon Mallee RDA Committee, according to its publicity material, reviewed 20 applications to the RDAF and provided advice to stakeholders and the federal government. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What were these projects? - For what reasons were they ruled out? - Why was the Sandhurst Community Theatre Complex determined to be the priority project for the Loddon Mallee region? 	Written	30/11/2011	
91	1.1	MCKENZIE	Loddon Mallee Strategic Plan	The Northern Loddon Mallee Regional Strategic Plan contains 13 priority actions and over 70 key initiatives, yet not one was chosen to be funded through the RDAF. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why? 	Written	30/11/2011	
92	1.1	RYAN	Carbon Price Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How was your department/agency consulted in the development of the carbon price package? - Is the carbon price package consistent with all of the policies in your department/agency? 	Written	30/11/2011	
93	1.2	MACDONALD	Australian Centre for Excellence	Senator IAN MACDONALD: Are the review, the assessment and the assessment of existing projects done by the Australian Centre of Excellence public documents that could be made available to the committee? Ms Fleming: Could I take that on notice? Senator IAN MACDONALD: Yes, sure.	F&PA 113	30/11/2011	
94	1.2	RHIANNON	Women in Local Government	Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. You spoke there about collecting data. I note that the Minister for the Status of Women, Kate Ellis, has stated that the government is committed to increasing representation of women on boards, which is obviously very relevant to local councils. Only around five per cent of chief executive officer positions in local government are actually occupied by women. So, apart from the scholarships for women to participate in the first course at the Centre of Excellence for Local Government, is there ongoing funding to ensure increased representation of women in senior local government positions? Mr Atkinson: I will have to take that on notice.	F&PA 116	30/11/2011	

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95	1.2	RHIANNON	Pape Case	<p>Senator RHIANNON: I was specifically interested in the department's response to that High Court case, which was effectively two years ago.</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: The government has not made a response as such. It is still in the court processes, as I understand it. I would have to take that on notice. I think we are still waiting for the outcomes of that process.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: If you could take it on notice, both what the process is and if there has been any response that can be—</p> <p>Ms Beauchamp: As I said earlier, I would probably have to pass those on to the Attorney-General's Department, who are looking at the court proceedings and the legal proceedings.</p>	F&PA 118	30/11/2011	
96	1.2	JOYCE	Constitutional Recognition of Local Government – Expert Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What is the cost of the Expert Panel? – Where will this funding come from? – How does this funding compare with that of the Expert Panel on constitutional recognition of Indigenous people? 	Written	30/11/2011	
97	1.2	JOYCE	Constitutional Recognition of Local Government - \$250K funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Has any of the \$250,000 in funding that was given to the Australian Local Government Association to help with promoting constitutional recognition of local government been redirected to the Expert Panel, or will it remain with ALGA? 	Written	30/11/2011	
98	1.2	JOYCE	Constitutional Recognition of Local Government – Payment to members of Expert Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Are any members of the Expert Panel receiving payment for their services? – If so, who and how much? 	Written	30/11/2011	
99	1.2	JOYCE	Constitutional Recognition of Local Government – Panel Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How often does the full Panel meet? 	Written	30/11/2011	
100	1.2	JOYCE	Constitutional Recognition of Local Government – Expert Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Will the panel continue to be operational after it has reported to Government in December? – Or will the Expert Panel come to a conclusion after the report is released? 	Written	30/11/2011	

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101	1.2	JOYCE	Constitutional Recognition of Local Government – Funding for Community Meetings	– Who is funding these community meetings and the travel expenses for the attending Panel Members?	Written	30/11/2011	
102	1.2	JOYCE	Constitutional Recognition of Local Government – Attendance at Community Meetings	– How many people have been attending these community meetings?	Written	30/11/2011	
103	1.2	JOYCE	Constitutional Recognition of Local Government – Community Meetings	There are currently only 6 scheduled community meetings across the whole of Australia, – Does the Panel intend to hold more community meetings between now and December when the Panel is due to report? – If so, where? – Will this include rural, regional and remote areas of Australia? – How will communities know about these meetings? – Is it only advertised on the Expert Panel's website?	Written	30/11/2011	
104	1.2	JOYCE	Constitutional Recognition of Local Government – Website	– Who maintains the Panel's website? – Who is funding the website?	Written	30/11/2011	
105	1.2	JOYCE	Constitutional Recognition of Local Government – Submissions	– Can members of the community make submissions? – What is the process for making submissions and when are they due in by? – How is this advertised?	Written	30/11/2011	
106	1.2	JOYCE	Constitutional Recognition of Local Government – Scope for Extending Written Reporting Period	– Is there any scope for extending the reporting period? – If so, why?	Written	30/11/2011	

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107	1.2	JOYCE	Constitutional Recognition of Local Government – Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Who is going to be writing the report? – How much is it going to cost and where will the funding come from? – How will the report be made available to the Australian community? 	Written	30/11/2011	
108	1.2	JOYCE	Constitutional Recognition of Local Government – Updating Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How does the panel plan to keep all communities up to date with the process? – Is there, or will there be any national advertising campaigns? – If so, who will be funding these? 	Written	30/11/2011	
109	1.2	JOYCE	Status of LGRF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What is the status of the Local Government Reform Fund? 	Written	30/11/2011	
110	1.2	JOYCE	LGRF– State Funding Allocations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Has money been committed to State governments for the delivery of projects? 	Written	30/11/2011	
111	1.2	JOYCE	Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) – Terms of Reference for review	<p>A review of Financial Assistance Grants was announced in the 2011-12 Federal Budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Can you provide an update on when the terms of reference for this review will be released? 	Written	30/11/2011	
112	1.2	JOYCE	Timeline for FAGs Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – When will this review commence and how will it be conducted? 	Written	30/11/2011	
113	1.2	JOYCE	FAGs Review – Local Government Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Will local government be involved in determining the scope of the review? 	Written	30/11/2011	
114	1.2	JOYCE	FAGs Review – Quantum of Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Will issues of the quantum of funding be included in the review? 	Written	30/11/2011	
115	1.2	JOYCE	FAGs Review – State and Council Distributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Will state distributions and council distributions form part of the review? 	Written	30/11/2011	
116	1.2	JOYCE	Australian Centre for Excellence in Local Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What success has the Australian Centre of Excellence in Local Government had? 	Written	30/11/2011	

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117	1.2	JOYCE	Future of Australian Council for Local Government	– What is the future of the Australian Council of Local Government?	Written	30/11/2011	
118	1.2	JOYCE	Australian Council for Local Government	– Will the Australian Council of Local Government meet again?	Written	30/11/2011	
119	1.2	JOYCE	Intergovernmental Agreement on Cost Shifting	The Intergovernmental Agreement on cost shifting was due to be reviewed by the Local Government Planning Ministers' Council (LGPMC), or its successor Ministerial Council, by April 2011. – What is the status of this review?	Written	30/11/2011	
120	2.1	MACDONALD	Christmas Island Operating Costs	Senator IAN MACDONALD: Yes. I think you know what I am looking for, Mr Yates. I am not talking about the detention centre, but the detention brings more aircraft in and, as you say, more fuel, more water and so on. I am just interested in, perhaps over the last three financial years, what the actual costs of administering the island part of the island, as opposed to the detention centre, are. If you could give me that, I would appreciate it.	F&PA 132	30/11/2011	
121	2.1	JOYCE	Socio-Economic Assessment of the Christmas Island IDC	In reference to QoN88 from Budget Estimates: – Can the Department provide details as to the research on the socio-economic assessment of the impact of the Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre on the local community conducted by AECOM Australia Pty Ltd? – What did the research find? – Can we have a copy of the findings? – What are the findings being used for?	Written	30/11/2011	
122	Corporate	McKENZIE	Media Monitors – Regional coverage	Senator McKENZIE: On notice, I would like to know which regional papers the \$35,000 spent on Media Monitors actually covers.	F&PA 124	30/11/2011	
123	Corporate	RYAN	Media Monitors Guidelines	Senator RYAN: I presume you would be in a capacity to provide the brief you provide to Media Monitors. That would give the wholesale cost. If it is a commercially provided service, obviously the government would provide a brief saying, 'This is what we want covered, the search terms, newspapers, regions.' Would you be able to take that on notice and provide it to Senator McKenzie? Mr O'Brien: We will take that on notice.	F&PA 124	30/11/2011	

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124	Corporate	JOYCE	Permanent Staff – DRARDLG	– How many permanent staff does the Department currently have in total?	Written	30/11/2011	
125	Corporate	JOYCE	Classification of Permanent Staff	– What classifications are these staff?	Written	30/11/2011	
126	Corporate	JOYCE	Increase in Staff Numbers	– Which divisions have seen an increase in staffing this FYTD? – What was the reason for increasing staff in these divisions? – What classifications are these staff?	Written	30/11/2011	
127	Corporate	JOYCE	Decrease in Staff Numbers	– Have any divisions seen a decrease in staff? – What was the reason for decreasing staff in these divisions?	Written	30/11/2011	
128	Corporate	JOYCE	Temporary / Casual Staff	– How many temporary or casual staff does the Department currently have in total? – What classifications are these staff?	Written	30/11/2011	
129	Corporate	JOYCE	Employees on Contract FYTD	– This FYTD, how many employees have been employed on contract? – What is the average length of their employment period?	Written	30/11/2011	
130	Corporate	JOYCE	Hospitality Spending	In relation to the answer provided to QoN 105 from Budget Estimates, which highlights the Department's Hospitality spending: – Can the Department please provide details as to the Local Government CEO Workshop held on the 13 th April 2011, as well as the Policy Centre Round Table on 27 th April 2011? – Where were these functions held? – How many people attended these functions?	Written	30/11/2011	
131	Corporate	JOYCE	Advertising Costs FYTD	– How much has the Department spent on Advertising this FYTD?	Written	30/11/2011	

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132	Corporate	RYAN	Staffing numbers FYTD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many permanent staff recruited this FYTD? - What classification are these staff? - How many temporary positions exist or have been created this FYTD? - This FYTD, how many employees have been employed on contract? - What is the average length of their employment period? 	Written	30/11/2011	
133	Corporate	RYAN	Staffing Numbers 2010-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many permanent staff recruited for the year 2010-11? - What classification are these staff? - How many temporary positions exist or have been created for the year 2010-11? - For the year 2010-11, how many employees have been employed on contract? - What is the average length of their employment period? 	Written	30/11/2011	
134	Corporate	RYAN	Staff Reductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are there any plans for staff reduction? - If so, please advise details i.e. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc. - If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. 	Written	30/11/2011	
135	Corporate	RYAN	Efficiency Dividend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How has the efficiency dividend been implemented? Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend. 	Written	30/11/2011	
136	Corporate	RYAN	Government Advertising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – did the Department/Agency undertaken in 2011-12? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. - Did the Department of Finance and Deregulation provide any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. - Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies (March 2010)? Provide the details for each advertising item. 	Written	30/11/2011	

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137	Corporate	RYAN	Communications Programs	– Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.	Written	30/11/2011	
138	Corporate	RYAN	Current Advertising Campaigns	– What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?	Written	30/11/2011	
139	Corporate	RYAN	2010-11 Hospitality and Entertainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. – For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for the year 2010-11. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. – What is the Department's entertainment spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. – For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for the year 2010-11. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 	Written	30/11/2011	
140	Corporate	RYAN	Planned Hospitality and Entertainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. – For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. – What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. – For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event 	Written	30/11/2011	
141	Corporate	RYAN	Board Appointments – Gender Ratio	– What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?	Written	30/11/2011	

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142	Corporate	RYAN	Board Appointments 2010-11	– Detail any board appointments for the year 2010-11	Written	30/11/2011	
143	Corporate	RYAN	Board Appointments FYTD	– Please detail any board appointments for the FYTD.	Written	30/11/2011	
144	Corporate	RYAN	Grants	– Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written	30/11/2011	
145	Corporate	RYAN	FOI Advice	– Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?	Written	30/11/2011	
146	Corporate	RYAN	FOI Requests 2010-11	– How many FOI requests has the Department received for the year 2010-11? – How many have been granted or denied? – How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for the year 2010-11?	Written	30/11/2011	
147	Corporate	RYAN	FOI Requests FYTD	– How many FOI requests has the Department received for this FYTD? – How many have been granted or denied? – How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this FYTD?	Written	30/11/2011	
148	Corporate	RYAN	Community Cabinet Costs 2010-11	– What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held for the year 2010-11? – How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for the year 2010-11? What was the total cost of this travel? – How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for the year 2010-11? What was the total cost of this travel? – What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for the year 2010-11?	Written	30/11/2011	

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149	Corporate	RYAN	Community Cabinet Costs FYTD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? - How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? What was the total cost of this travel? - How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? What was the total cost of this travel? - What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? 	Written	30/11/2011	
150	Corporate	RYAN	Departmental Reviews 2010-11	<p>For the year 2010-11:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many Reviews were being undertaken by all departments and agencies in each portfolio? - When will each of these reviews be concluded? - What reviews have been concluded? - Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? - When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? - What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? 	Written	30/11/2011	
151	Corporate	RYAN	Departmental Reviews FYTD	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What reviews are planned? - When will each of these reviews be concluded? - What reviews have been concluded this FYTD? - Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? - When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? - What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? 	Written	30/11/2011	

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152	Corporate	RYAN	Consultancies 2010-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many consultancies were undertaken in 2010-11? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (i.e. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 	Written	30/11/2011	
153	Corporate	RYAN	Changes to Tenders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Were there any changes to any of the portfolio's tenders in 2010-11? Detail any changes 	Written	30/11/2011	
154	Corporate	RYAN	Consultancies FYTD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (i.e. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 	Written	30/11/2011	
155	Corporate	RYAN	Tenders on AusTender Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does each department and agency stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website? - Have any changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website (www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year? Explain. - Are up to date with reporting requirements? 	Written	30/11/2011	
156	Corporate	RYAN	Planned Consultancies this calendar year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? - Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? <p>In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p>	Written	30/11/2011	

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157	Corporate	RYAN	Media Monitoring – Minister’s Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for the year 2010-11? – Which agency or agencies provided these services? – What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? – What has been spent providing these services FYTD? 	Written	30/11/2011	
158	Corporate	RYAN	Media Monitoring – Departmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Department and its agencies for the year 2010-11? – Which agency or agencies provided these services? – What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? – What has been spent providing these services FYTD? 	Written	30/11/2011	
159	Corporate	RYAN	Social Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2011? Please explain. 	Written	30/11/2011	

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160	Corporate	RYAN	Contractors	<p>Since May 2011:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details. – Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details. – Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details. – Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details. – Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details. – Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details. – Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details. – Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details. – Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. 	Written	30/11/2011	
161	Corporate	RYAN	Discretionary Grants 2010-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 	Written	30/11/2011	

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162	Corporate	RYAN	Discretionary Grants FYTD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants FYTD? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 	Written	30/11/2011	
163	Corporate	RYAN	Discretionary Grants – Interim Reporting Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants? 	Written	30/11/2011	
164	Corporate	RYAN	Commissioned Reports 2010-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. – How much did each report cost? – How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? – What is the current status of each report? – When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 	Written	30/11/2011	
165	Corporate	RYAN	Commissioned Reports FYTD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio FYTD? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. – How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? – How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? – What is the current status of each report? – When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 	Written	30/11/2011	

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166	Corporate	RYAN	Government Payment of Accounts 2010-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the year 2010-11, did the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? - If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.) - For accounts not paid within 30 days, was interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? - Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 	Written	30/11/2011	
167	Corporate	RYAN	Government Payment of Accounts FYTD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the FYTD, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? - If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.) - For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? - Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 	Written	30/11/2011	
168	Corporate	RYAN	Government Stationery Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) in 2010-11? - What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? 	Written	30/11/2011	

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169	Corporate	RYAN	Media Subscriptions – Pay TV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? – If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. – What was the cost for 2010-11? – What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? 	Written	30/11/2011	
170	Corporate	RYAN	Media Subscriptions – Newspapers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? – If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. – What was the cost for 2010-11? – What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? 	Written	30/11/2011	
171	Corporate	RYAN	Media Subscriptions – Magazines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? – If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. – What was the cost for 2010-11? – What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? 	Written	30/11/2011	
172	Corporate	RYAN	Travel Costs – Minister and Ministerial Staff 2010-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – For the year 2010-11, please detail all travel (itemised separately,) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses. – For the year 2010-11, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff. 	Written	30/11/2011	

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173	Corporate	RYAN	Travel Costs – Staff accompanying Minister – 2010-11	– For the year 2010-11, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.	Written	30/11/2011	
174	Corporate	RYAN	Travel Costs – Departmental 2010-11	– For the year 2010-11, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.	Written	30/11/2011	
175	Corporate	RYAN	Travel Costs – Minister and Ministerial Staff FYTD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – For the FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses. – For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff. 	Written	30/11/2011	
176	Corporate	Ryan	Travel Costs – Staff accompanying Minister FYTD	– For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.	Written	30/11/2011	

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177	Corporate	RYAN	Travel Costs – Departmental FYTD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – For the year FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses 	Written	30/11/2011	
178	Corporate	RYAN	2010-11 Legal Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs. – What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs. – What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs. – What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 	Written	30/11/2011	
179	Corporate	RYAN	Legal Costs FYTD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs. – What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs. – What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs. – What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 	Written	30/11/2011	

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180	Corporate	RYAN	Education Expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the year 2010-11, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant. - For the FYTD, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant. 	Written	30/11/2011	
181	Corporate	RYAN	Executive Coaching and Leadership 2010-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each portfolio department and agency, please provide the following information for the year 2010-11: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted d) The names of all service providers engaged - For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) - Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	Written	30/11/2011	

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182	Corporate	RYAN	Executive Coaching and Leadership FYTD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each portfolio department and agency, please provide the following information FYTD: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted d) The names of all service providers engaged - For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) - Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	Written	30/11/2011	

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183	Corporate	RYAN	Paid Parental Leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? - For the year 2010-11 list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments. - For the FYTD list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments. 	Written	30/11/2011	
184	Corporate	RYAN	Training for Portfolio Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How much is spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. - How much did the specific Department spend on training for all Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries that was provided by the Department of Finance and Deregulation? List each training, the cost and each participant. 	Written	30/11/2011	
185	Corporate	RYAN	Corporate Cars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? - Where is the car/s located? - What is the car/s used for? - What is the cost of each car for 2010-11? - How far did each car travel in 2010-11? 	Written	30/11/2011	
186	Corporate	RYAN	Taxi Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2010-11? - Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. 	Written	30/11/2011	

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187	Corporate	RYAN	Credit Cards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How many staff in each department and agency have a corporate credit card? What is their classification? – What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? – How is corporate credit card use monitored? – What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? – Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. – What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 	Written	30/11/2011	
188	Corporate	RYAN	Communications Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How many communications people are there in each of your departments and agencies? List their classification, position description, services they provide to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and any guidelines they must adhere to. 	Written	30/11/2011	